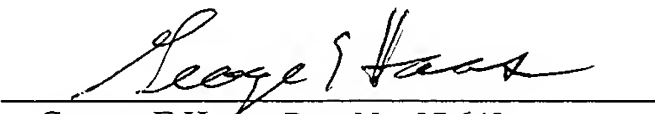


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the above-identified patent application contained in the Final Office Action mailed on July 13, 2005.

Claims 1-20 remain pending.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Sonehara. The final Office Action now contends that the junction of the check valves 15 along the hydraulic line 13 corresponds to the hydraulic circuit node recited in the claim.

In the previous Office Action, that claim element was identified as corresponding to the junction immediately below orifice 18A in one of the suspension subcircuits 19. The